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Aids to Devotion

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A SPECIAL COMMITTEE

AND AUTHORISED BY THE

General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED

By Authority

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ON FAMILY WORSHIP

*A NEW EDITION*

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## Preface.

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THE Committee of the General Assembly on Aids to Devotion was originally appointed in 1849, for the purpose of drawing up forms of Social Worship, according to the usage of the National Church of Scotland, for *Soldiers, Sailors, Colonists, and other persons who are deprived of the ordinary services of a Christian Ministry*. In pursuance of this object, the Committee published in 1859, a collection of 'Prayers for Social and Family Worship,' which, having speedily attained a very wide diffusion, and met with a highly gratifying appreciation among the members of the Church, both at home and in the colonies, received in 1863 the sanction of the General Assembly.

Encouraged by the favourable reception of their previous labours, and urged by numerous solicitations which were addressed to them, the Committee were induced to prepare another volume, consisting exclusively of Prayers for Family Worship, and adapted, not to any particular class, but to the general circumstances of all Christian households. In doing so, they availed themselves of the

Family Prayers contained in their previous publication. But these were supplemented by a great number of additional prayers, which the General Assembly of 1864 allowed to be appended to them, so as to render the work more generally acceptable and useful as a *MANUAL OF FAMILY DEVOTION*. And there was prefixed to the collection, by authority, a *Pastoral Letter of the General Assembly to the People of Scotland on Family Worship*.

In complying with the demand for a New Edition of this volume, the Committee cannot refrain from expressing their gratification with the large measure of public support and approbation which it has already received. They have also peculiar satisfaction in announcing, that it is now re-issued, not as hitherto with the mere permission, but (as will be seen from the annexed Deliverance) *with the authority and hearty recommendation* of the Supreme Ecclesiastical Court of the Church of Scotland. And their earnest prayer is, that it may, by the blessing of God, be greatly conducive to the furtherance of domestic piety throughout the land.

In name of the Committee,

THOS. J. CRAWFORD, D.D.

*Convener.*

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N.B.—*Some passages in the prayers are enclosed within brackets, to indicate that they may be omitted, either when they are unsuitable, or when greater brevity is desired.*

**Deliberances of the General Assembly of the  
Church of Scotland on the Reports of their  
Committee on Aids to Devotion.**

At Edinburgh, the Third day of June Eighteen  
hundred and sixty-seven,

The which day, the General Assembly of the Church of  
Scotland being met and constituted, *inter alia*, the Assembly  
called for the Report of the Committee on Aids to Devotion,  
which was given in and read by Dr Crawford, the Convener.

It was moved, and seconded, and unanimously agreed  
to, that—

The General Assembly approve of the Report, and re-  
appoint the Committee, with Dr Crawford as their Convener;  
and instruct them, along with the Committee on Army and  
Navy Chaplains, to prepare and publish a small and port-  
able selection from the 'Prayers for Social and Family Wor-  
ship,' for the use of Presbyterians in the Army and Navy.

The General Assembly learn with satisfaction, that the  
Collection of Family Prayers for Four Weeks, and for Sacra-  
mental and other special occasions, has been attended with  
a remarkable measure of success. They authorise the Com-  
mittee to stereotype this volume, so that it may be published  
at a lower price; and they heartily recommend the use of it  
to those who may require such aid to Family Devotion.

*Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of  
the Church of Scotland by*

(Signed) JOHN COOK, *Cl. Eccl. Scot.*